

The University Players,
Department of Theatre and Drama,
present

Pelleas and Melisande



Trueblood Theatre
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Pelleas and Melisande

an adaptation of the play by Maurice Maeterlinck

Director: Jerald Coyne Schweibert

Scenic Designer: Gaetane Bertol

Costume Designer: Deborah Yegerlehner

Lighting Designer: Sandra Myers

Stage Manager: Theresa McDermit

Cast

Lisa/Melisande	Johanna R. Borman
William/Pelleas , grandson of Arkel	Tom Daugherty
Julie/beggar	Erin Dilly
Beth/beggar	Tammy Jacobs
Russ/Arkel , King of Allemond	Erich Jungwirth
Joe/Golaud , grandson of Arkel	Matthew Letscher
Jan/Genevieve , mother of Pelleas & Golaud ...	Heather L. Raffo
Steve/physician	Matthew Rego
Stage Manager	Melissa Zafarana

Unauthorized use of cameras or recording devices in this theatre is strictly forbidden. In everyone's interest, latecomers will not be seated until a suitable break or scene change.

Children must have a ticket and be at least three years old to attend. Children unable to sit quietly through a performance may be asked to leave.

Act I.

- Scene 1.* The door of the castle
- Scene 2.* A forest
- Scene 3.* A room in the castle
- Scene 4.* In front of the castle (heavy forest)

Act II.

- Scene 1.* A fountain in the park
- Scene 2.* A suite in the castle
- Scene 3.* In front of a grotto
- Scene 4.* A hallway in the castle

Act III.

Scene 1. A suite in the castle

Intermission

Scene 2. Below one of the windows of the castle tower

Scene 3. The underground caves of the castle

Scene 4. In front of the castle

Act IV.

Scene 1. A hallway in the castle

Scene 2. A suite in the castle

Scene 3. A fountain in the park

Act V.

Scene 1. A suite in the castle

Scene 2. A suite in the castle

About the Playwright

Maurice Maeterlinck was born in Ghent, Belgium, on August 29, 1862. He received his formal education from the Jesuit College of Sainte-Barbe. Although he wanted a literary career, his father forced him to attend law school. Graduating from Ghent University in 1885, Maeterlinck practiced law for several years. During this time, many of Maeterlinck's poems were written and published. His first play, *La Princesse Maleine*, was published in 1889, and Maeterlinck decided to give up his law practice to devote all of his time to writing. He went on to create numerous plays and essays, including *The Blind*, *The Intruder*, *The Blue Bird*, and, in 1892, *Pelleas and Melisande*. This particular play was originally directed by the famous French symbolist actor and director Aurélien Lugné-Poe, and it was the inspiration for Debussy's opera in 1902. Maeterlinck, who won the Nobel Prize in 1911, was known as a symbolist, and was obsessed with the elusive dimensions of life, such as mysterious forces and blindness. His plays are characterized by a lack of action or conflict. Maeterlinck died of a heart attack on May 6, 1949, in Nice, France.

About the cast

Johanna R. Borman (*Lisa/Melisande*) English - senior - Detroit, MI

Tom Daugherty (*William/Pelleas*) Musical theatre - junior - Brooklyn, MI

Erin Dilly (*Julie/beggar*) Musical theatre - freshman - Southfield, MI

Tammy Jacobs (*Beth/beggar*) Theatre (BFA) - freshman - Searington, NY

Erich Jungwirth (*Russ/Arkel*) Theatre (BFA) - junior - Birmingham, MI

Matthew Letscher (*Joe/Golaud*) Theatre - junior - Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Heather L. Raffo (*Jan/Genevieve*) English/Theatre - junior - Okemos, MI

Matthew Rego (*Steve/physician*) Musical theatre - junior - Cleveland, OH

Melissa Zafarana (*Stage Manager*) Theatre - senior - West Bloomfield, MI

About the Artists

Gaetane Bertol (*Scenic Designer*)

- o First-year MFA candidate in set design
- o Set designer, *Reckless*, Basement Arts, 1990
- o Set designer, *Don Juan Comes Back from the War*, Concordia University, 1990
- o Set designer, *How to be Negative: 214*, Concordia University, 1989

Sandra Myers (*Lighting Designer*)

- o First-year MFA candidate in lighting design
- o Assistant lighting designer, *The White Rose*, University Players, 1991
- o Lighting designer, *The Hunting of the Snark*, St. Louis, MO, 1987

Jerald Coyne Schweibert (*Director*)

- o Assistant professor of theatre, acting and movement
- o His directorial mentor was the distinguished American director Alan Schneider
- o Registered movement therapist specializing in the Alexander Technique
- o When not working in the theatre, he spends his time fishing for trout

Deborah Yegerlehner (*Costume Designer*)

- o First-year MFA candidate in costume design
- o Assistant costume designer, *A Little Night Music*, Musical Theatre Program
- o Costume designer, *Tullyatin Crossed*, University of Massachusetts
- o Costume designer, *Relatively Speaking*, Curtain Theatre, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

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Once upon a time. . . Cinderella's prince turned into a no-good womanizer, Little Red Riding Hood started carrying a knife for protection, and Rapunzel was squashed by a giant. If that's not what you remember, come find out how the stories really ended in the Musical Theatre Program's humorous, 60s-style updating of Grimm's classic fairy tales.

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Book by JAMES LAPINE

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